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WILDFIRE NEAR OLD SCHOOL IN TRES PIEDRAS

Taos, New Mexico, May 25, 2006, - At approximately 11:27 this morning a wildfire was reported two miles south of Tres Piedras on private property near the old Tres Piedras Elementary School west of Highway 285. Wildfire personnel at the site reported the fire is burning in grass, brush and duff. The School Fire is currently at five acres, with moderate spread potential. Fire behavior was active with flame lengths of ten to twelve feet. Due to the proximity to the community and its infrastructure, the Incident Commander made the decision to call in air resources.

Suppression resources at or responding to the fire as of 1:00 pm were, 3 engines with crews, 1 eight person Initial Attack Crew from Taos BLM, Carson Hot Shots and miscellaneous Carson National Forest firefighting personnel. In route are five air tankers and two heli-tankers. Resources at risk at this time are 1 structure, and power lines.

Weather at this time at the fire is hot and dry with winds up to 5 miles an hour. Forecast weather for North Central New Mexico calls for hot and dry weather to continue with critical fire weather conditions setting up for Friday and on into the holiday weekend. There is a potential for a few dry thunderstorms over the northern mountains this afternoon and early evening and perhaps Friday afternoon as well.

The School Fire is under New Mexico State Forestry jurisdiction since it is burning on private lands.

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